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SUBJ: EDX - FY74 IV CHIEF KAPUUN

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1. CHIEF KAPUUN CONFIRMED HIS ARRIVAL NEW YORK AS PER REFTEL AND STATED HE NOT CERTAIN HIS UN PROGRAM BUT ASSUMES HE WILL SPEAK SOMETIME NEXT WEEK (AND NOT NOVEMBER 14 AS REPORTED REFTEL).

2. HE DELIGHTED WITH INVITATION AND AGREED COMMENCE TRIP WASHINGTON. DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTACT HIM THROUGH UN FOURTH COMMITTEE AS KAPUUN UNAWARE OF HIS NEW YORK HOTEL ADDRESS.

3. KAPUUN EAGER MEET EVERYONE INTERESTED NAMIBIAN AFFAIRS, PREPARED TO SPEAK ON SUBJECT, IN ACADEMIC OR OTHER SETTINGS.

4. HE EXPRESSES HIMSELF CLEARLY IN ENGLISH BUT HIS VOCABULARY IS LIMITED AND HIS COMPREHENSION WEAK. PROGRAM AND ESCORT OFFICERS SHOULD KEEP THIS IN MIND.

5. AS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME KAPUUN HAS TRAVELED ABROAD, AN EXPERIENCED ESCORT OFFICER IS CALLED FOR. AS HIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO NAMIBIA, HE DOES NOT HAVE PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICA OR OUTSIDE WORLD. SENSITIVITY ON PARTY

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OF ESCORT IS NECESSARY FOR KAPUUN TO DERIVE MAXIMUM BENEFIT

FROM VISIT.

6. CHIEF KAPUWO WOULD LIKE MEET NAMIBIANS IN USA AND AS MOST OF THEM IN NEW YORK, EXPECTS MEET THEM THERE, BUT CONTACTS WITH NAMIBIANS IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

7. KAPUWO WOULD APPRECIATE VISITS WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, SENATORS HUMPHREY, KENNEDY, MEMBERS OF BLACK CAUCUS. ALSO VISITS TO BLACK OFFICIALS IN ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES. HE WOULD LIKE VISIT CAPE KENNEDY ARID REGIONS WITH DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN NAMIBIA; VISIT TO CATTLE RANCH; OBSERVE COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS; VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO, NATIONAL PARKS, GRANDY CANYON, DISNEYLAND.

8. KAPUWO DOES NOT EXPECT USE ENTIRE 42-DAY PERIOD, FEELS FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS SUFFICIENT WITH RETURN AROUND DECEMBER 10.

9. ACCOMPANYING CHIEF KAPUWO TO UN IS J.P. KARUAIHE, MEMBER OF HERERO CHIEF'S COUNCIL AN ASSISTANT TO KAPUWO. CHIEF KAPUWO WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE FOR KARUAIHE TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON USA TOUR. IT MADE CLEAR TO BOTH THAT WHILE WE WOULD WELCOME THEIR TRAVEL TOGETHER, WE ONLY ABLE PAY KAPUWO'S EXPENSES AND THAT KARUAIHE WOULD HAVE FIND OTHER RESOURCES FOR POST-UN TRAVEL. KAPUWO UNDERSTOOD THIS AND ASKED FOR ESTIMATE COST FOR KARUAIHE TO ACCOMPANY. HE WAS TOLD TO FIGURE \$35 A DAY FOR HOTEL AND MAINTENANCE AND ABOUT \$400 FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL. KAPUWO ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE ESTIMATE FROM DEPARTMENT AS TO KARUAIHE'S COSTS IF HE WERE TO ACCOMPANY, WHEN DEPARTMENT CONTACTS KAPUWO IN NEW YORK. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS IF ANY AS TO HOW KARUAIHE MIGHT BE FINANCED. POST RECOGNIZES DESIRABILITY OF TWO TRAVELING TOGETHER BUT HESITATES RECOMMENDING USE OF IV GRANT FOR KARUAIHE WHO IS NOT THOUGHT TO BE PRIMARY HERERO LEADER. ANY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT CAN GIVE TO OVERALL SUCCESS OF KAPUWO'S VISIT AND WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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